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(c) The Committee's report is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know when the report of the Committee was received?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The report of the Committee, as I have said, was received one and a half months ago."

Applications for leave by the Second Assistant Chemical Examiner.

*309 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Second Assistant Chemical Examiner has not been able to avail himself of any leave since 1914; and

(b) how often he applied for leave during these 14 or 15 years, when and for what periods, and the reasons for the refusal of the leave, if any?

A.—(a) It is a fact that the Second Assistant Chemical Examiner did not avail himself of any leave from 1914 up to 31st May 1929. He has been granted six months' leave from the 31st May 1929 afternoon.

(b) The officer did not formally apply for leave during the period in question, but it appears that on several occasions when he proposed to take leave, the absence of a trained substitute to take the place of the Third Assistant stood in the way of the leave being granted if applied for.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Is it the case, Sir, that the Second Assistant Chemical Examiner did not apply for the leave, or he did apply and it was refused?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"When he said that he wanted leave, he might have told informally once or twice that it would be difficult to sanction leave."

Provision of fly-proof kitchens and latrines in hospitals.

*310 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state how many of the Government hospitals have fly-proof kitchens and latrines?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Tours

Tours of the hon. the Minister for Public Health.

*311 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the tours the hon. Minister undertook since the beginning of this year, the places which he visited and the nature of the official work he did in those places;

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(b) whether he did any party or propaganda work during those tours; and

(c) if so, whether he paid for those parts of the tours from his own pocket, and if not, why not?

A.—(a) Several places in North Arcot, Tanjore, Nellore, Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Madura, Salem, Coimbatore, Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts and Northern India, Inspections, interviews, conferences and addresses in connexion with the departments of Government, particularly of those in his charge.

(b) & (c) No.

Visit of the hon. the Minister for Public Health to Kashmir.

*312 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the nature of the official business which took him to Kashmir; and

(b) the cost to the public exchequer of his tour to Kashmir?

A.—It was a private visit and at private cost.

Mr. S. Satyamurti —"May I know whether the hon. the Minister took the permission of His Excellency the Governor to go to Kashmir?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"No."

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—"May I know for how long he stayed there?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"For four days, Sir."

Industries

Verification and testing of weights and scales in cotton ginning and pressing factories.

*313 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the rules now in force regarding the verification and testing of weights and scales in cotton ginning and pressing factories;

(b) whether the Provincial Cotton Committee, Madras, considered the limits of permissible errors to be too narrow for a bulky article like cotton and recommended the adoption of the Bombay system in Madras also; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

A.—(a) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Madras Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories Rules, 1925, published on page 1536 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 18th August 1925, and to the instructions in Board's Standing Order No. 204 as amended which the officers examining and testing the accuracy of weights and scales in use in cotton ginning and pressing factories have been requested to follow.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The Government are awaiting a detailed report from the Director of Agriculture on the subject.